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Jack Brezina, seen here alongside Minden Hills treasurer Lorrie Blanchard, speaks to the crowd during a meeting on community fundraising for flood relief at the Minden Legion on May 6.

# Flood relief fundraising lifts off

Chad Ingram  
 Staff reporter

Area residents have no shortage of ideas on how the community might raise funds to help those affected by the flood in Minden.

More than 100 people, many of them representatives of organizations, associations and businesses, filled the Minden Legion for a meeting on fundraising on May 6.

The meeting was called by former *Times* owner/publisher Jack Brezina, Make It Minden organizer Lynda Litwin, former Minden Hills reeve Jeanne Anthon and Dominion Hotel/Grill on the Gull proprietor Shawn Chamberlin.

"This informal committee has no official status," Brezina told the crowd, adding that the information collected would be forwarded to the disaster relief committee (DRC), once it is appointed by Minden Hills council.

As part of the Ontario Disaster Relief Assist-

ance Program, council must establish a DRC, whose responsibility it will be to fundraise for the municipal trust to help flood victims.

The community must fundraise to help those affected by flooding, with the province providing up to two dollars for every dollar the township is able to collect.

The township is compensated separately for its losses, with all monies raised through the private portion of ODRAP going to help those

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# Businesses feel effect of flood

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Business owners in Minden are feeling the effects of the flood, to varying degrees.

The floodwaters that began rising April 19 pushed some entrepreneurs out of their buildings, while others had to close their doors. Some remained open to see huge drops in revenue, while others felt relatively little effect.

"It is so hard to say what the impact will be on my business," Organic Times owner Deborah Lyons wrote in an email to the *Times*.

Organic Times is located near the Bobcaygeon Road and Invergordon Avenue intersection, an area of the village that was heavily flooded, with waters just receding during the weekend.

"So far there has been lost revenue that I am hoping we can make up," Lyons continued. "I have four employees that have been affected by the flood due to lost wages. If the bridge remains closed indefinitely and I lose a substantial amount of business due to the closure, I am afraid the outcome will be devastating."

The flood waters forced Chaulk Woodworking out of its home and the company is setting up a temporary showroom at Limberlost on Highway 35.

"Our team was in the planning process of getting ready for the home show and were excited about creating a new show-piece to display," Chaulk wrote in an email. "Unfortunately this flood came on within hours and there was little to no warning about the extent that it would or at least could have become. We were taken almost by surprise and did all we could being that we are a facility that uses much heavy machinery there wasn't a lot we could do once the waters were sure to penetrate the building. We hurriedly raised as much of the product and machinery we could without forklifts but still couldn't have forseen the heights that the water would later reach."

Chaulk estimated he had about \$50,000 in damaged contents, not including damage to his heavy machinery.

Anyone looking to get in touch with Chaulk Woodworking is asked to call 705-457-8426.



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At the height of flooding in Minden, the downtown stretch of Bobcaygeon Road was barricaded for safety reasons. Business owners in Minden have been affected to varying degrees by the flood.

On the main drag, Stedman's V&S owner John Thomas said it was the barricading of the downtown section of Bobcaygeon Road at Newcastle Street that hit him.

"When the road was barricaded, it was brutal," he said, adding that during the period the main strip was closed to traffic, he saw revenues drop 50 per cent.

Thomas was unable to give staff full hours during that time.

On the sunny, Saturday afternoon of May 4, he was hoping things would turn around as he arranged clothing on a rack outside his store.

Molly McNerney, owner of Molly's Bistro Bakery, located on Bobcaygeon Road near the cultural centre, said the effects for her were minimal.

"It wasn't that bad," she said.

Despite being on the "other" side of the bridge, which remained barricaded at press time, McNerney said she thought having a parking lot had helped her out.

The Haliburton County Development Corporation is offering zero-interest loans of up to \$25,000 for five years to businesses affected by the flood.

MP Barry Devolin has said he's looking into any possible compensation for lost revenues.

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# Flood a blast from the past

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Staff reporter

Water Street living up to its name. Large sections of downtown Minden submerged. Residents getting to and from their homes by boat.

For most Mindenites, what has transpired during the past few weeks is like nothing they've ever seen.

However, it has happened before.

Nearly 70 years ago, in May of 1943, a flood of similar, seemingly greater proportions, struck Minden.

Minden Hills Museum curator Darren Levstek provided the Times with what he called a educated/deductive guess about the severity of the 1943 flood based on his resources at the museum.

According to Levstek, the flood took hold on May 15.

"We know that a bridge had been washed away," Levstek wrote in an email to the Times. "It was a private bridge owned by farmer Harry Stevens, who also operated a golf course."

Livestock were driven into the hills surrounding Minden and chickens moved to the lofts of barns.

Highway 35 remained open during the flood, although waters rose to meet the highway on May 19.

According to the curator, five families – those of John Goldie, Henry Graham, S.S. Taylor, Garnet Lazier and G. Graham – were marooned by the flooding, all of them living in what was considered the "bush" in the outskirts of town at the time.

"County Constable Lorne Pritchard had noted that whitecaps were seen on the plowed fields on Monday, May 17," Levstek wrote. "He also noted that canoes, boats



A couple gets around Minden by boat during the 1943 flood. /Photo courtesy of The Minden Hills Museum

and punts were tied to the verandas of a number of homes in the village and people in the village were using watercrafts to get to the highway."

In some flooded areas, the water was between four and eight feet deep.

The school stayed open, with students arriving by boat.

"The cause of the flood was said to be due to the fact there had been a long, cold spring followed by rain," Levstek wrote, adding that the flood was reported on by some Toronto newspapers. "The evidence suggests that the flood of 1943 was

much worse than what we are experiencing today."

Levstek was unsure of how long the flood lasted, but wrote that both the spring and summer that year were cold.

According to curator, few homes were evacuated and many children fashioned rafts with which to get around town.

"Their parents were fine with this as long as they stayed away from the river," Levstek wrote. "Inasmuch as it could, local business continued as normal, including grocery delivery which was conducted by boat. One resident recalled one of the store employ-

ees delivering goods to her house on Prince Street by boat."

Since the 1943 flood came during the Second World War, Levstek noted this would have meant a shortage of men in town, as well as reduced government resources, which may have contributed to a long recovery process.

An interesting note: Exactly one year before the flood, on May 15, 1942, a fire ravaged downtown Minden. That fire destroyed the office of the Minden Echo, which was subsequently moved to Haliburton.

## Flood causes little damage to Algonquin Highlands

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Algonquin Highlands township seems to have escaped nearly three weeks of flooding in the county relatively unscathed.

At at May 2 council meeting, public works director Mike Thomas told councillors he thought flood-related damage for the township came in at about \$53,000.

There were some road washouts in

Algonquin Highlands due to flooding, a severe case being Dawson Road near Maple Lake on the morning of April 19. While roads crews have given the road a temporary fix, Thomas said a culvert would have to be replaced at a cost of \$9,000 plus taxes.

A private contractor retrieved the culvert with a crane for the township after it took off downstream.

Reeve Carol Moffatt said she was pleased, since she thought damage for the township

would be closer to \$150,000.

"I think we've come away OK by comparison," Moffatt said, noting the severe damage that Minden Hills will have to deal with. Ward 2 Councillor Liz Danielsen said there were pockets of serious damage to private property throughout the former Stanhope township.

"For sure, there are cottages underwater and people don't know it yet," she said.

The Trent Severn Waterway has been storing vast amounts of water in reservoir lakes

in the township in order to mitigate further flooding of the Gull River in Minden.

At press time, those levels were dropping.

"The general attitude seems to be, it is what it is," Danielsen said. "At certain levels, there are discussions about the TSW."

Ward 1 Councillor Gord Henderson said he wasn't aware of any damage to businesses besides dislodged docks and Ward 3 Councillor Marlene Kyle said a snowmobile association in her area had lost a bridge.

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# Ideas range from charity concerts to 'crowdfunding'

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whose homes and properties were damaged by the flood.

"The committee will probably set some kind of fundraising goal and work towards that," Minden Hills treasurer Lorrie Blanchard told the room, adding that claimants of the program needed to contact their insurance companies and get written confirmation they don't have flood insurance in order to qualify for the program.

Claims will also be reviewed by the DRC and Blanchard encouraged those affected by flooding to keep any and all sorts of documents.

"You're really going to have to make sure everything is well-documented," she said. "When in doubt, stick it in a file folder."

While there is no deadline for the fundraising period, money cannot be expended until after fundraising is over, with locally raised money being expended first.

Brezina said the informal committee had thought one way to raise money would be to take existing staple events – Minden's Canada Day celebration, for example – and turn them into fundraising vehicles.

Then, one by one, residents stepped up to the microphone to share their ideas.

"I have played in a rock band for 26 years," Brian Moore said, adding his band mates would be happy to play at and do sound for a 12-hour, noon-to-midnight concert fundraiser, that could include a number of musical acts.

Local DJ Jamie Bacon said he'd like to hold a video dance at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on Aug. 24, with all proceeds going to flood relief.

Marie Gage told attendees that she'd been in touch with international company Indiegogo, which organizes what it calls crowdfunding drives through social media.

The campaign will be called Mending Minden and Gage said an important part of its success will be the individual stories of people affected by the flood.

Anyone who wishes to share their story should contact Gage at 705-286-5085 or mariegage1626@gmail.com.

Neil Campbell said the community needed to get a famous Canadian band to play Minden. Campbell will also be selling the few remaining copies of his book, *Cell-phones and Sap Buckets*, at Pharmasave, which is forgoing its portion of the sale.

Campbell said he'll match whatever peo-



Chad Ingram Staff

Brent Devolin, president of the Minden Rotary Club, speaks to the crowd during Monday's meeting as other residents wait their turn.

ple pay for the books up to \$50, with all proceeds going to the relief effort.

Marci Mandel said an idea she'd seen was posting roadside signage informing motorists how to donate digitally.

The signs need not just be in the county, she added. The Minden United Church, St. Paul's Anglican Church and the Minden Legion all offered free space for fundraising activities. "The Legion's here to help you," said Keith Welbourn. "You want to put a fundraiser on, come and talk to me."

Sales of a special fundraising T-shirt have also been going well.

"About 10 days ago, we figure the most iconic picture of the flood showed up on Facebook," said Sue Yallop.

That picture, taken by a local professional photographer, depicts well-known Minden resident Simone, with her plunger and shovel, helping to divert floodwaters on Bobcaygeon Road as an emergency unfolds in the background.

With Simone's permission, the picture

has been put on T-shirts that Yallop has been selling out of her restaurant, That Place in Carnarvon.

The first 65 sold in 24 hours, Yallop said, and a second, larger shipment is already largely spoken for.

More will be ordered and attendees suggested the shirts should be sold at all fundraising events and at other local businesses. Someone suggested that having the shirts in the Beer Store would ensure they were seen by cottagers.

The Minden and Haliburton rotary clubs will be making a joint donation, Minden club president Brent Devolin said, as well as organizing other activities.

George Farrell, who organizes the Blues Legends series at the Dominion Hotel, said an effective way of raising money is to simply pass a hat.

Farrell did this at his most recent show, raising \$750 for flood relief.

From a movie day with a screen at the Minden fairgrounds, to collecting a mile of

toonies, to having a direct sellers' day at the Lions Club hall, there were a host of other suggestions.

It is unclear at this time how much the community will need to raise.

As of press time, Minden Hills chief administrative officer Nancy Wright-Laking was not able to provide a ballpark estimate of damages, saying the township will be crunching the numbers this week.

The deadline for the township's application to ODRAP is May 9.

Both MP Barry Devolin and MPP Laurie Scott have said the community could be facing millions of dollars of damage and Scott is calling for a formal review of ODRAP, which she calls outdated.

Scott has invited Linda Jeffrey, minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to come to the area and check out the flood damage.

Anyone having a fundraiser for flood relief can email jenn.watt@sunmedia.ca and the event will be listed in a special section of the *Minden Times*.

## Barbecues, yard sales and car washes scheduled for flood relief

The Fast Lane is closed from May 7 to 11. Their doors will reopen on May 11 and for a **barbecue** for the flood victims.

On Saturday, May 18, at Zion United Church, Carnarvon, from 8 a.m. till exhaustion, Places for People is hosting a **yard sale**. You may bring items (priced as you please) to Zion the previous evening from 5 to 7 p.m. or call David Eastwood at 705-489-1830 to discuss alternate arrangements. Zion will be selling peameal bunnies, and we will have a donations jar for

the Minden Hills Flood Relief Fund.

**Car wash:** Home Hardware in Minden on Saturday, May 18 starting at 9 a.m. It will be a \$5 express car wash (soap, scrub, rinse and quick dry) at the end of the parking lot by the greenhouses. All proceeds to flood relief fund.

**Yard Sale for the Cure and Minden Flood Relief:** On Saturday, May 25 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Re/Max Minden (10 Bobcaygeon Road), there will be a yard sale,

a charity barbecue sponsored by Fowler Construction, and raffles to raise money to support the Minden Flood Relief and breast cancer research.

Drop off yard sale donations or raffle items at the Re/Max offices in Minden, Haliburton or Wilberforce. Contact Terry at 705-286-2911 for more information. Lose the clutter, find a cure and help a community.

On Saturday, May 25 at the Dominion Hotel, 8 p.m.: \$15 table fee Places for Peo-

ple will hold its second annual **Hootenany**, a zany evening of mixed performance and a mini loonie-toonie auction – three items. See details on our website. Proceeds go to Flood Relief Fund. Tickets from board members or at the door – reserve through info@placesforpeople.ca. (Don't wait too long – it's apt to reach capacity quickly.)

**Barbecue:** On Saturday, June 8 from 10 a.m. at Home Hardware in Minden. It costs \$3 for a hotdog and a pop. All proceeds to flood relief fund.



# Flood waters slowly recede in Minden

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Several days leading up to press time were marked by slow but continuous improvement of flooding levels in Minden.

Two weeks after flooding in the village began, there was a sense of optimism on Friday, May 3, as flood levels on the Gull River were receding slightly and some patches of town were beginning to dry up.

The downtown section of Bobcaygeon Road, which only days before had been barricaded and sandbagged, was open to traffic and bustling.

"It's fabulous news that the road is open," said Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid.

Since then, all barricades have been removed from Water Street and as of Monday, Prince and Chandos streets were also open.

The bridge on Bobcaygeon Road remained closed to traffic, but Reid was hoping to have an engineer in as soon as Wednesday to assess its structural integrity.

If the bridge receives a passing grade, it can be reopened.

Flood levels were receding on Anson Street, one of the areas most affected by flooding, and vehicles from restoration companies could be seen at a number of residences.

Some residents who evacuated their homes April 21 have returned, travelling to and from their houses by boat.

Others never left.

One man told the *Times* that his three sump pumps had left his basement relatively dry.

As of press time, barricades remained on Invergordon, McKnight, Peck, Anson, St. Germaine, Stouffer and Orde streets.

Water levels were also dropping on the Trent Severn Waterway lakes north of the village where TSW staff had been storing water in order to prevent further flooding of Minden.

The state of emergency that Reid declared on April 20 was still in effect.

**Chad Ingram** Staff

Clockwise, levels were down but there was still a significant amount of water on Anson Street on May 6.

This was Anson Street on the morning of May 6. Water had receded substantially on the street, although large sections were flooded and the street was still barricaded to traffic.

Anson Street has been one of the areas most affected by the flood.

A truck makes its way down Anson Street on May 6.



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## our editorial

# Blame it on the rain

**I**T WASN'T JUST the rain and the spring thaw and the frozen ground.

Sure, weather may have played a role in the flooding of Minden, but it's inconceivable that it's the only player in the tragedy.

The ongoing disaster may be part Mother Nature, but I'm convinced it's part human nature, too.

Sure, other areas of central Ontario, places not on the Trent Severn Waterway - Bracebridge, Huntsville - flooded like Minden.

At first.

However, levels in those communities have long since receded, their states of emergency lifted, while parts of Minden are still sitting under water.

That the worst flooding the community has seen in generations comes the spring following last year's sweeping job cuts at Parks Canada, which includes the TSW, seems beyond coincidental.

I wrote the following in an editorial on July 24 of last year:

"And while the official line coming from the TSW seems to be the cuts will not cause complications with water levels in the county, that seems pretty difficult to believe, especially if any of the workers stationed here are affected by the cuts. Say the TSW was

a grandfather clock. Then say I took 140 parts out of that clock, but told you it could still tell time perfectly. Would you believe me?"

Cough.

Sure, a Parks Canada rep told Mindenites last week that the layoffs were, unequivocally, unrelated to the flood.

But let us recall that when the layoffs were first announced last year, employees received Draconian emails from the feds, instructing them not to speak ill of the Harper government.

I'd say the flood was unrelated to staffing cuts, too, if I wanted to keep my job.

Sure, our MP insists the flood and the layoffs are unrelated, but what else is he going to say?

The layoffs were part of his party's way-too-big omnibus budget bills.

There needs to be a detailed examination of what caused the flood and it should take place soon.

There are two words on the lips of a lot of people right now, two words we're only going to hear more and more as cottagers arrive for the season, finding their properties damaged and realizing they don't qualify for relief funding.

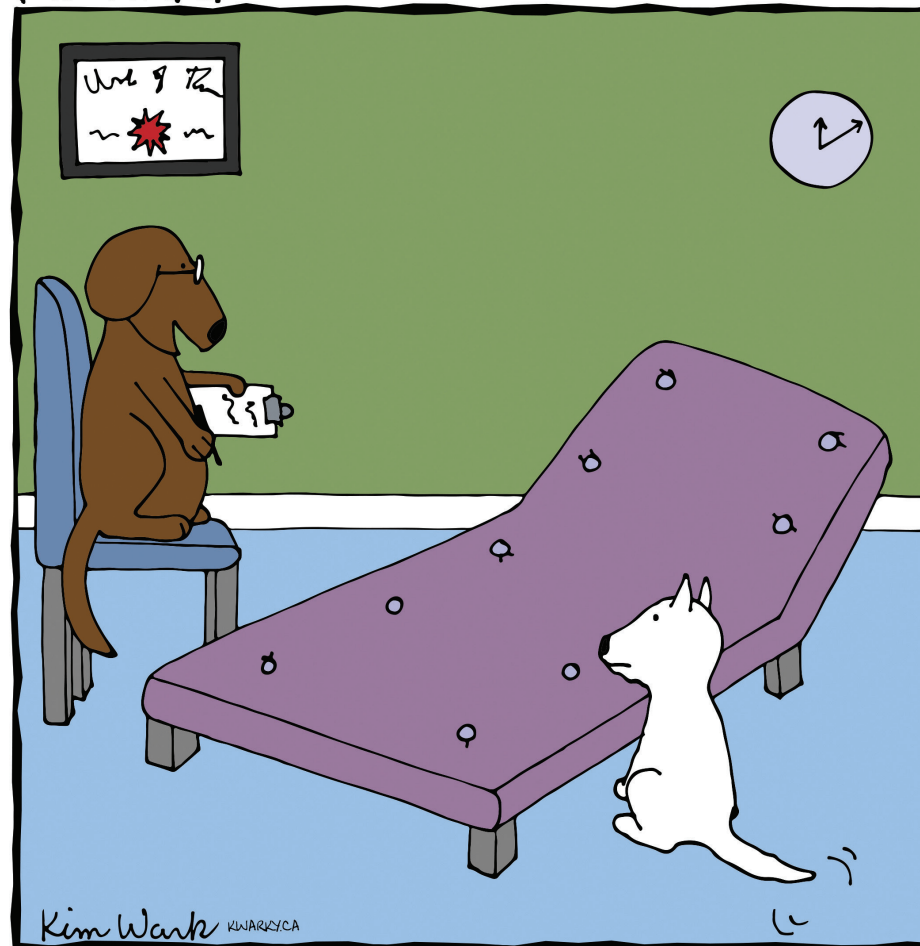
Those words are "class action."

I bet they're not going to sue the rain.



**Chad Ingram**  
Reporter

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"YOU'RE ALLOWED ON THE COUCH."

## letters to the editor

# Sharing with kids

**To the Editor,**

Minden is a wonderful place to live and learn. Community members continue to thrive and support each other throughout trying times.

During the past few weeks, many business and citizens have found the time to respond to questions generated by the Grade 1 students of Archie Stouffer Elementary School as they learn how to gather information for creating reports.

The reports are about various occupations of people in our community and facilities in which they work. These community members have taken pictures of themselves with Flat Archie (our travelling Grade 1 mascot) and displayed him in their windows, often offering to make classroom visits to share their expertise with the students.

The students and teachers in Grade 1 truly appreciate the learning opportunities that were created.

**Chris Little**  
**Nancy Kampstra**

# Lighter side

This here's Walter Farquson, writing to you through these *Minden Times* newspapers from our brand new downtown water park! You're probably more familiar with my cousin Charlie, famous of late with your CBC (Cut Budget Broadcasting) and "Hee Haw Haw."

I'm Charlie's second cousin, twice removed - twice removed from the Dominion and Rockycliff last Saturday night!

Well, I just thought I'd pass along some of the confab from last Monday night's Let's Get Together at our Centre for the Community. She was well occupied by your 99 per centers.

Your politicians sure like to shovel around that new jargon. What I heard was that we're all "moving forward, never looking to see what's at our behind and forgetting what we thought we knew on a go-forward basis." Well, when we hear that talk, you want to keep your Massey, John Deere or Farmall on a steady course and hang onto your wallet!

Seems to me we're being prescribed a dose of milk of amnesia so we can be as happy as Orville's dairy herd after milking and just as wide-eyed as a deer in the headlights of my

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# points of view

## That's my boy

Recently, another online video has gone viral. This one is titled, "Seven-month-old baby is a pro on water skis." It should be titled "Mom and dad of seven-month-old totally suck at parenting."

You have to ask yourself what were they thinking?

I'm pretty sure we can all agree that it is totally wrong and inappropriate to teach an infant how to water ski. Simply put, it's a bad idea – a very, very bad idea. First off, it puts the child in a very dangerous position.

That's right; the kid has to compete against a Twiggy The Water Skiing Squirrel for YouTube hits. And Twiggy's got more than two million hits already. Any responsible parent would know you just don't do that to a loved one. Do you know how much pressure that puts on a child?

Look, the kid is cute, but he's not

Twiggy The Water Skiing Squirrel cute – which explains why, at press time the kid has just a little over 300 hits. Even with a couple of big jumps, he's not likely to catch up to Twiggy any time soon.

Talk about bad parenting.

I might not be the best parent in the world but I would have never done that – not when there are still so few sky-diving baby YouTube videos out there.

Before you get too upset, I'm not suggesting High Altitude Low Opening free falls – that would be reckless and nothing I would condone unless there's already a video of cute skydiving animal on-line. Then, all bets are off.

Instead I'm thinking of your standard static line jumps. You know, let the kid be a kid.

I don't want to be too critical here, by the way. You certainly can't fault those parents for wanting the best for their child. In this modern world you are nothing without an on-line presence.

If you think about it, they're just one catapult launch and one snuggle with a lion away from getting their kid his very own YouTube channel.

And if that goes well, he might be able to make guest appearances on other YouTube channels.

Then they can be proud parents. And, ultimately, isn't that what every kid wants?



**Steve Galea**  
Beyond 35

Sure there is a bit of risk involved. Especially if some other parent manages to get their infant 1,000,000 hits first, by having him break a bronco or zip line through a tunnel of flaming hoops. Then, unless you are willing to teach the baby how to speed-carve chainsaw animals all this effort is for nothing.

Well, maybe not for nothing. You see I'm pretty sure some good will come from this.

At the very least, the baby is going to grow up to become a perfectly normal, well-adjusted teenager.

And by that I mean one who is terrified of any idea his crazy parents have.

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## The pale green of spring

OUT ON GREG'S Pond, a beaver flips a full vertical alarm. Its tail shooting up out of the water like a flag.

On his way to take a closer look at the splash, The Brown Dog Jiggs abruptly he takes a hard left and stops at a log, barking at a safe distance while a snapping turtle looks him over.

That's one evening. Many mornings, a fat garter snake basking in the sunshine on a pathway beside the cabin slithers off to hide in the leaf litter. Its tongue flicks at our odours.

Sapsucker Ridge is full to bursting with spring, with hooting and warbling, cawing and gurgling, scampering and bounding, slithering and tail-slapping.

Winter might be my favourite season, but no week can top the first warm week when spring explodes in all of its glory, the week between mud and blackflies.

Each night before bed, The Brown Dog and I walk down the lane to check on whether the road past Sapsucker Ridge is still there. It always has been. So far.

These nights, we are drenched with frog song. One species takes the melody and another sings rounds as backup. Some Haliburton Field Naturalist can figure out which song is which; we just listen to the music.

Then one night there will be hardly a peep. Fireflies will tell us it's June.

Frogs, snakes and turtles, the cold-blooded harbingers of spring. When it's warm enough to crawl out of the mud or untangle yourself from your winter nestmates, the cold times are over.

In baseball lingo, base-runners are "ducks on the pond." We have far more ducks on our ponds than the Blue Jays do in theirs. Noisy now in courtship, quiet in the single motherhood to come.

Two mallards try to set up housekeeping in Davey's Brook. They go flapping, quacking off each time we approach. Good thing, too, for the little stream soon becomes a trickle, no place for ducklings.

Geese sit quietly on the far side of Goose Pond. Kingfishers rattle. A great blue heron lifts off in the distance. Ker-chunk, remarks an American bittern. Little brown birds serenade the dawn, flitting and flirting shamelessly. An old married couple of pileated woodpeckers is all a-cackle.

Because this is Sapsucker Ridge, there ought to be yellow-bellied sapsuckers. There they are, mewing mews of love and territory.

Soft maples freckle the bush trails in red. Everywhere the wildflower parade is well underway, marching through

the season before the hardwoods shade them out.

A newly-blossomed bed of daffodils are one corner of my lawn might as well

be wild for all the tending they get. Only a step or two past them and you're into the woods and there bloom two trilliums. Who cares what's wild and what isn't, anyhow?

Neither Jiggs nor I know much about wildflowers. We know that leeks send up the first shoots of spring, but coltsfoots, dandelions in miniature, bear the Ridge's

first flowers.

Then come the brown-spotted leaves of the trout lily. Making a bloom is such hard work that only a few plants manage to flower in any given year.

Spring beauties are everywhere and just these last few days the maroons and whites of trilliums kept the promise of their swelling buds.

The big outer flowers of the hobblebush are open now, the inner flowers still in buds like green peppercorns. An array of bellworts droop along a roadside. The purple of my spring's first violet catches my eye.

Up close the tree leaves are only opening. From a distance, the hills that cup the flooded plain of Minden are pale green with spring.



**Neil Campbell**  
Back of Beyond

You can help victims of the Great Minden Flood of 2013 by buying one of the few unsold copies of my book, *Cell Phones and Sap Buckets*, at Minden Pharmasave.

Through the magic of leveraging, the price you pay for it could put as much as \$500 into the coffers of the Township of Minden Hills Flood Relief Fund.

The book, which has sold more than 800 copies, is a collection of columns about my life on Sapsucker Ridge with The Brown Dog Jiggs. All proceeds will go to flood victims. Here's how it will work:

About a dozen books are available at Minden Pharmasave, which has generously agreed to forego its usual sales commission. The suggested retail price is \$23 but, under the circumstances you may wish to pay more than that.

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For example, let's assume you choose to pay \$30, a little more than the suggested retail price, for your book. I will donate your \$30 plus \$30 of my own plus \$12 to cover the estimated tax value of your donation. Total: \$72.

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# letters

## Is this what you'd call a 'rain event'?

from page 6

pickup on Scotch Line Road when one of them techycrats offers us a load of fertilizer at half price!

The whippersnapper youngsters from your Trendy Wading Systemic said the flood was a "call of nature" and none of their high computing gizmos could have cast forward that she'd be such a "mother."

Apparently we had a Rain Event. So much for your plane talk. Your techno and officials these days figure you can talk your way from a sow's ear to a silk purse. We just call her rain. You have your light, medium, and heavy, and then you have your "cow standing over a flat rock." Digby Donaldson (son of Digby and Donalda over at Donald) squelched out in their hip-waders calling the whole shebang a misinformation event!

A fun time was had by all when the brave folk of our township read to us from the book on how the provincials have this disaster of a funding situation whereby if we save up our Tim Hortons cups we'll each be eligible for a double, double deal. There's money coming, you can rest in peace on that. Nobody knows when, but we're guaranteed to get'er in the end!

Our very own MP (Mostly Propagandy) Very Devling, who suddenly remembered where his seat gets its power, came on by to offer a couple of "red herrings" for those who were a little too sand-bagged to have had time to stop and put on the old feed bag. Representing Stevie (Big Oil) Harpooner from up in

your Bytown, Very held forth that without the trendy systemic, Minden floods would be as regular as poor old Harv Dooley after he ate that prune pie his wife baked for the social, which nobody could stomach a bid on.

I'm suspecting that our town outlay would have been a tad different if we hadn't been bedammed a hundred years in our rear view mirrors. I suppose old Grandad Farquson would have needed Moses himself to hold everything back from "here to high water" while he logged the sill of the homestead.

Seems Very might have been lending an ear to the wind of the trendy technos to keep them on the dry-cleaned gospel about how Stevie's budget cuts (to all things that don't matter to the per cent of one) are slicker than goose grease on your door's knob! Otherwise good old Stevie Harpooner could reward them with an unpersonal restructuring into "would you like to eat fries with that corn dog?" Notice how he's holding his chubby soft mitts over the mouths of your fishing in the oceans and waters Scientifics. Apparently they can't even order at the drive through without getting a fine howdy do from Stevie or one of his unduly and unelected hoppy toads.

Talking about your Regressive Reservatives, while getting medically cornered one night behind the drive shed, cousin Charlie said Stevie is more of a Supposit Tory. Not to say that your libatonist partiers or your Not Done Poligisers can see the sun come up when they're bending over either.

Maybe we can get Stevie to fire up the Air Force and drop day

old doughnuts on us, that has recently been blessed with water access lots! Just might help the responsibly shy to wink 40 times while thinking about us each evening.

Well, the good woman says my hip-waders are almost dry enough to slide on again, so I can go out and cut a deal with a couple of beaver families that had been snoozing on our back stoop.

For a grand finale I'll see if I can get a good bowline around what put the most gravel into everyone's boots at the meeting. Uncle Finley Farquson told us this once upon a time, and here she goes:

"I went to the dam, to get some dam water. But the dam man said I couldn't have any dam water. So I told the dam man, he could keep his dam water!"

Well, sir, no matter how many times the good folk of Minden cast out a line that night, not a one of us could catch onto getting any kind of handle on who is that dam man!

Thanks to all your working over hard folks of the township and your volunteers working without gaining a lick of interest to themselves.

Careful heading into the root cellar because she's going to be getting mouldy.

**John (Walter Farquson) Gibb  
Minden**

## Lions Club to donate \$10,000 for flood relief

Flood victims in the Haliburton County village of Minden continue to require a complete range of emergency assistance. Many homes and small businesses had to be abandoned to the relentless volume and velocity of water coursing through the heart of this picturesque village. Foundations of homes and businesses have been undermined and tragically damaged. Persistent high water levels have assured a very lengthy multimillion dollar recovery and rebuilding period and, for the flood victims, a very lengthy and expensive period that families will need to endure living out of borrowed suitcases and beds.

The response of Minden's citizens has been an amazing

outpouring of immediate funding and support for their fellow community members.

Village service clubs are working as a team to provide funding for immediate necessities and willing hands to support the emergency relief centre.

Lions Club International Foundation has provided \$10,000 for the immediate purchase and distribution of food, clothing, medical needs and drinking water. Some 50 lions Clubs in the region have been requested to contribute further long-term funding. The Minden, Haliburton and Kinmount Lions Clubs will continue to organize local fundraising events and provide onsite hands-on assistance as needed.

Funds contributed to assist flood victims, raised by service clubs and individual citizens located in all parts of Ontario, may be deposited in any CIBC bank in Ontario, or cheques made payable to the Township of Minden Hills Disaster Relief Fund, may be mailed directly to the Township of Minden Hills, 7 Milne Street, Box 359, Minden, K0m 2K0.

All funds will be matched by the Ontario Disaster Relief Fund up to double.

**Lion Jim McKinnon  
Minden Lions Club International  
Public Relations Committee Chair**

## Minden memories in time for Mother's Day

When I was a little tyke, we would drive down to Minden from Carnarvon to visit my Gramma on special occasions. – Easter, Mother's Day, Christmas, etc. She lived on the river next to the Anglican church. Although to me she was just called Gramma, she was actually Jennie (Pritchard) Prentice and my Grampa was Thomas Calder Prentice.

I particularly remember one extended visit in which I was staying all by myself with them. (In hindsight the timing would be right for my parents to be busy bringing my brother Colin into the world.)

At bedtime she would get me bathed and pajama-ed and in an effort to make me sleepy, then we would count street lights out the second floor windows. They were quite a novelty to me as we lived in Carnarvon where there were no streetlights. She would carry me from window to window, of course, on a premeditated course to end up near my bed, and she would support me standing on the sill as she taught me to count. From the back of the house we could see them all the way up the North Road, towards the Prentice Farm

where my Uncle Les lived by then and across the river and downtown or, as she called it, Over Street. Gramma always made us feel special. She was a soft-spoken, very ladylike matron with a twist of white hair that was often slightly out of bounds.

Inside that little lady though there was a solid pioneer. She was born the eldest child of Joseph Pritchard and Elizabeth (Hobden) in Boshkung on the shore of Kushog Lake on what is now Walkers Line, but really the middle of nowhere in those days. She eventually moved to semi-civilization to the Queens Line where she taught school at the Prentice School and boarded with them. That's how she met my Grampa, Thomas Prentice.

They were married and had three children up there and then moved down the Bobcaygeon Road to the property across the road from the (Archie Stouffer) school. The house is still there but rather sadly diminished and dilapidated. I remember it as being surrounded by verandas, which were covered in summer time with Dutchmans pipe and ram-

bling roses. My Mom Mabel was born there, and there my Gramma held sway as matriarch, Chatelaine, CFO, and farmer's wife.

Along with her day-to-day duties she had many responsibilities with the church and community.

The outward little lady look belied the true inner strength that she actually possessed.

I remember her very clearly to this day as resourceful yet dignified with a quiet charm and a helpful caring and loving disposition.

Happy Mother's Day Gramma

**Ronald Sinclair Russell**

Note: The Thomas Prentice Farm is now the site of The Minden Museum, community centre, library, S.G. Nesbitt Arena and a part of the fair grounds. Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Prentice are buried under a huge pine tree in the Minden cemetery along with most of the Prentices and Pritchards.



# ASES raises more than \$3,000

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

Cheers and applause rang clearly when the Pedal for Hope tour cyclists rolled through the throngs of children in the playground at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden on Tuesday, April 30.

The contingent included Ontario Provincial Police, the Peterborough and Lakefield Police Service and former NHLer John Druce wearing form-fitting clothes on ultra-light road bicycles, as well as a support team and a Royal Canadian Mounted Police vehicle escort. This team perennially rides more than 1,000 kilometres over three weeks, starting late April, using their holidays to raise funds and awareness for pediatric cancer.

They raised more than \$1.7 million in eight years and are the best team of fundraisers for all Cops for Cancer rides across the country. Nationwide Cops for Cancer has raised \$50 million for the Canadian Cancer Society.

They visit 47 schools throughout Ontario and ride their bicycles to each one. Minden has a special place in their hearts.

A few years ago ASES student Dawson Hamilton, who had battled cancer, succumbed to the disease.

They always ride for him and make sure to stop at the Dawson Hamilton Outdoor Classroom, commemorating his strength and spirit.

This year a few minutes in the presentation were set aside to remind the audience about bullying and that everyone is needed to rid society of it.

The tour started 20 years ago because of a five-year-old cancer survivor in Edmonton was being bullied. The presentation, which used a skit and emphasized the anti-bullying point, with the entire tour team coming out wearing pink T-shirts, reading "Pedal for Hope says NO! to bullying". They reminded the students that bullying can be defeated with the help of everyone.

The top three fundraisers were Drew Foster, Grade 6, Cole Prentice, Grade 4 and Georgia Code, Grade 2, along with her younger sister Ava, kindergarten. The boys had their heads shaved while the Code sisters had their pony tails cut.

Two years ago, the last time the tour stopped at ASES, the school raised \$11,000.

"We'll ride until we cure it all," the emcee said, referring to all cancers.



Darren Lum Staff


Archie Stouffer Elementary School Grade 3 student Scott King has his head shaved by Ontario Provincial Police constable Dave McNab during the Pedal for Hope Tour visit in Minden on Tuesday, April 30. King, who couldn't sleep the night before his first head shaving for cancer, was one of 26 students who had their heads shaved or pony tails cut to raise money for pediatric cancer research.



Grade 3 student Crystal Petry, left, is held by her mother Tanya during the Pedal for Hope Tour visit. Crystal was one of the students who had their hair cut to raise money.



Ontario Provincial Police constable Keith Calderwood reaches out to Archie Stouffer Elementary School students during the Pedal for Hope Tour visit in Minden.



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# Victim Services wins award of distinction

Kawartha/Haliburton Victim Services was recently a recipient of a 2013 Attorney General's Victim Services Award of Distinction.

The organization, along with other recipients, was recognized at a reception held at Queen's Park on Thursday, April 25.

The awards recognize outstanding professionals and volunteers who serve victims of crime and who have raised awareness of victims' issues within their own communities and across Ontario, officials said in a press release.

Kawartha/Haliburton Victim Services was honoured for "demonstrating outstanding relationship building, services to victims of crime, innovative and creative program development and recognition of diversity, accessibility and community needs," officials said. "The attributes of the organization have gained it the support and respect of clients, stakeholders and the community in its ongoing provision of services over and above its mandate to assist victims of crime."

"These extraordinary individuals and organizations help victims of crime rebuild their lives. They are a credit to the victim services community across Ontario, and I am proud to recognize them for their tremendous work," said Ontario attorney general John Gerretsen.

"This year's recipients are proof that courage, compassion and dedication can truly make a difference. The Office for Victims of Crime is proud to participate in this awards program to help raise awareness of victims' issues in Ontario," said chair of the Office for Victims of Crime, Ruth Campbell.

Kawartha/Haliburton Victim Services was also the recipient of two other awards presented by the Chamber of Commerce in Lindsay, for Excellence in Volunteer Leadership as well as a presentation from the Bobcaygeon Chamber of Commerce



Here, executive director Annie Merrell, centre, is joined by the province's attorney general John Gerretsen and Premier Kathleen Wynne after Kawartha/Haliburton Victim Services won an award of distinction from the attorney general's office. /Photo submitted

as an Outstanding Service/Volunteer Organization. "I would like to thank those who nominated us for all of these awards and the selection committees who had the difficult task of making the decisions. My special thanks to our board of directors, staff and our amazing volunteers who have made all this possible," said executive director

Annie Merrell. "These are the front line responders who leave their families at 3 a.m. in the morning to support a complete stranger. Their dedication and commitment to this program goes above and beyond, Kawartha/Haliburton Victim Services has been truly blessed...we couldn't have done it without you."



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In cases where a business demonstrates a need for financing beyond the limits of this program, HCDC will consider applications on a case-by-case basis. HCDC is also aware that our Municipalities are reviewing the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program, and the organization will consider the development of additional programs in partnership with the Municipality of Minden Hills and other relief programs.

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## Donating at Ducks dinner

The Minden chapter of Ducks Unlimited Canada raised more than \$3,500 for Minden flood relief during a dinner and auction it held at the Minden Hills Community Centre the night of May 4. The organization donated 10 per cent of its proceeds, or \$2,000, to the flood relief effort. The winner of the evening's \$1,100 prize, Gordon Lak, donated the entire sum to flood relief on behalf of the Maple Hills Hunt Club and attendees chipped in another \$430. The event sold 177 tickets and, on top of its flood relief efforts, raised \$20,000 for Ducks Unlimited.  
/Photo by Chad Ingram

# AH approves tower policy

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

*The following are brief reports of items discussed during a May 2 Algonquin Highlands council meeting.*

Algonquin Highlands councillors passed a policy regarding telecommunication towers that requires companies to go beyond the default public consultation process laid out by Industry Canada. This includes, among other stipulations, mail notification to residents within 500 metres of the proposed site. The default requirement is to notify those within a radius of three times the proposed tower height. It also requires signage be posted at street frontages of the property. The full policy can be viewed by searching the May 2 Algonquin Highlands agenda through the Haliburton County website.

The policy is the first of its kind in the county.

## AH approves cell tower at Kawagama Lake

After hearing a presentation by a representative from Bell, council gave its support to the construction of a 29.9-metre cell tower near Kawagama

Lake. The "monopine" tower is made to look like a giant pine tree.

## Council approves cultural plan

Councillors approved a draft cultural plan for Algonquin Highlands after hearing a presentation from consultant Margaret Walton of Planscape. The 84-page document looks at ways the township can leverage its cultural assets. The plan has been put together over the past year, with input from the public.

## Vote for slogan

Algonquin Highlands councillors are looking for a slogan for the township's new boundary signage. Council has whittled submissions down to four choices: Adventure Begins Here; All Trails Lead Here; Your Adventure Awaits; and A Cut Above the Rest.

Residents are encouraged to vote for their favourite by visiting the township website.

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# AH waives landfill fees in wake of flood

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Algonquin Highlands township is waiving landfill tipping fees for residents affected by flooding.

Councillors voted to waive the fees – effective immediately and continuing until July 15 – during their May 2 meeting.

Councillor Marlene Kyle said she'd had calls from constituents in Oxtongue Lake who'd had carpet and flooring damaged as a result of flooding who were hoping the township could waive or reduce its landfill fees.

"I think that was a very fair request," Kyle said, adding there was not a tremendous amount of damage in Oxtongue Lake.

Reeve Carol Moffatt said some sort of measure would have to be put in place so that people didn't abuse the offer.

"There's always somebody that will take advantage, which is unfortunate," Moffatt said.

Councillors agreed this could be done by either taking

names of those who dropped off waste or creating a list of eligible residents, but agreed the latter could cause complications since no one was sure of all areas that had experienced flooding.

Those who drop off flood-related waste will be asked to sign a form with their name, address and type of waste.

Exisiting regulations regarding sorting and dismantling still apply.

Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen thought the township should also consider waiving building permit fees for those affected by flooding, as has been done in Minden Hills.

"Minden's in a different situation because they declared an emergency and we didn't," Moffatt said.

The reeve said at the risk of being seen as heartless, she didn't support the idea since it would be complicated to enact and since the township hadn't seen the same sort of devastation as its neighbour to the south.

Councillors batted around suggestions of how long waived fees should last and while the end of June was suggested, Danielsen said she thought more time should be given, since some cottagers wouldn't even have a chance to get to their properties before the school year was over.

Staff from the Trent Severn Waterway have been storing

water in reservoir lakes north of Minden in an attempt to mitigate flooding that started in the village on April 19.

A number of lakes in Algonquin Highlands have been affected.



Algonquin Highlands council has waived landfill tipping fees in the township for residents with waste related to flooding. Fees will be waived until July 15. /Photo by Chad Ingram

## Hospital foundation hits million-dollar milestone

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

Dale Walker has one million reasons to smile.

On April 30 the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation announced it had just completed a banner year of fundraising, bringing in more than \$1 million.

Through various fundraisers, campaigns, individual and memorial donations, the HHHSF raised a total of \$1,007,000 in 2012/2013, bringing the grand total to \$10 million since its inception in 1998.

The news was shared at the organization's April 30 board

meeting, where chairman Peter Oyler presented a report highlighting the foundation's success.

"It is due to the generosity of so many residents, cottagers, services organizations, groups, lake associations, clubs, businesses and corporations," said Oyler, in regards to the fundraising achievements.

The money has been used to buy equipment such as patient monitoring systems, X-ray machines and towards the palliative care project, amongst other things.

Walker has been at the helm of the organization as executive director since 1999. Her financial report at the meeting echoed many of Oyler's sentiments.

"All in all we've had a great year as far as revenue," she

said.

This past year the foundation received more than \$400,000 in special gift donations.

Since 1998 the \$10 million has gone towards capital building projects, priority equipment and up-to-date technology, according to the HHHSF.

Last year the foundation launched its first lottery fundraiser, appropriately titled Cash for Care.

Tickets are 90 per cent sold out, there are less than 400 available, with final draws taking place on May 18.

Walker told the foundation's board the lottery expenses will total around \$20,000 and she expects profits to come in at about \$37,000, provided all the tickets are sold.

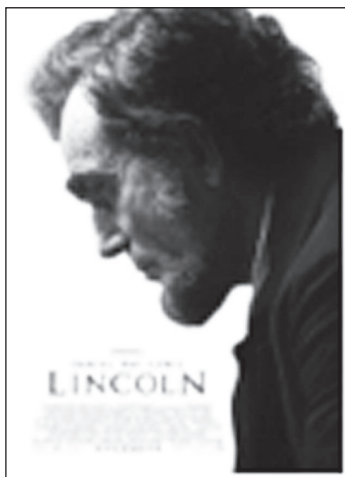
"Even a net of \$35,000 is good," she said.

The lottery is culminating with a gala at Sir Sam's Ski and Bike, which Walker estimates will bring in another \$10,000 to \$15,000 profit.

All of the hard work the foundation does wouldn't be possible without the community and volunteers, said Oyler.

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# Cash for Care announces third early bird winner

➤ Still more than \$20,000 in cash to win

Angelica Blenich  
Staff reporter

Time is quickly running out to cash in on your chance to win big. On April 30 the Cash for Care lottery, in support of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, drew its third winner in the early bird draw for \$1,000.

Jill Campure, who resides outside of Haliburton County, was the lucky winner, her ticket drawn by Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey. To date there have been three winners in the Cash for Care draws.

"All the winners so far have donated all or a portion of their winnings back to HHHHSF," said executive director Dale Walker.

With tickets 90 per cent sold out, there are fewer than 400 still available for purchase.

On May 18, HHHHSF will be drawing the final four names at a lottery bash gala held at Sir Sam's Ski and Bike at 8 p.m.

Tickets will be drawn for \$15,000, \$5,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000, with each drawn ticket eligible to win each prize.

Tickets for the Cash for Care are \$25 each or five for \$100, available at Bank of Montreal in Haliburton and TD Bank in Minden, or by contacting the foundation at 705-457-1580.

Lottery bash tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased through the foundation office. The event will include live entertainment and refreshments.

Money raised from both the lottery and the gala are going toward the HHHHSF palliative care project.



Angelica Blenich Staff

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey draws Jill Campure's name out of the drum for the \$1,000 prize in the Cash for Care lottery on April 30. The third early bird draw was held at the Haliburton hospital in support of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. The final four cash prizes will be drawn at a lottery bash gala on May 18 at Sir Sam's Ski and Bike.



## Flood clean up kits

Minden Hills property and environmental operations manager Ivan Ingram was busy putting together flood clean-up kits at the township's Fleming Road depot on May 3. Kits are available at the Minden Hills township office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through the week and from noon to 2 p.m. at the Fleming Road depot on Saturday, May 11.

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# Health unit marks nursing week

Public health nurses in the community are being recognized for their work – both the very visible roles and behind-the-scenes duties they carry out – to support the health of local residents.

During National Nursing Week from May 6 to 12, the Haliburton, Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit is recognizing the contribution of its approximately 45 Registered Nurses in supporting the well-being of residents in Haliburton County, the City of Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland County.

“Public health nurses have been a leading force for change over the years, serving residents of all ages with skill, knowledge, caring and commitment,” says Fiona Kelly, the chief nursing officer with the HKPR District Health Unit. “Nurses with

the health unit play a very important role in our community by helping local residents stay healthy and safe. However, health unit nurses also do much more by lobbying for social and policy changes, while working with partner agencies to ensure programs and services are in place to support healthy living in our communities.”

She notes that while health unit nurses are less numerous and visible than their counterparts in hospitals and long-term care facilities, their roles and responsibilities are just as important. “Whether working in schools, homes, clinics and other places in the community, public health nurses help to promote health, as well as prevent illness and disease,” Kelly says.

This is obvious in the work done by

health unit nurses to: immunize children and adults; promote the benefits of healthy living; provide prenatal classes and resources to expectant parents; help new mothers adjust to life with a newborn; give advice to families to support the healthy development of children; investigate cases of infectious diseases; work to control outbreaks; and run sexual health clinics providing confidential counseling, treatment and testing for sexually-transmitted infections.

Less evident, according to Kelly, is the work health unit nurses do to drive social change and policy development that support healthy living. “For example, while nurses offer prenatal classes and do home visits with new moms, they are also giving advice and advocating for ways to

improve the system so that it is more supportive and better addresses the needs of families,” she adds.

Kelly also points to the considerable work that public health nurses have done in recent years to address and raise awareness about the ‘social determinants of health’ – social factors such as income, education, employment, housing, child care and access to health care that affect a person’s health and quality of life. Says Kelly: “The work of public health nurses has really shifted. It’s no longer just curing what ails their clients, but also identifying and preventing problems before they adversely affect people’s health.”

To find out more about the work of public health nurses, call the health unit at 1-866-888-4577 or visit [www.hkpr.on.ca](http://www.hkpr.on.ca).

## Johnson expected to carry Grit flag in next election

Lisa Gervais  
QMI Agency

Rick Johnson is expected to be formally nominated as the candidate for the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock provin-

cial Liberal riding association later this month.

Johnson fell to Tory Laurie Scott during the 2011 election after upsetting then Progressive Conservative leader John Tory in a 2009 byelection. He also ran in 2007 against Scott.

Johnson has since worked with the party at Queen’s Park, where he is currently the senior advisor for stakeholder relations to Minister of Rural Affairs Jeff Leal.

Johnson said last week that when Kathleen Wynne was elected as Ontario’s new premier she told him that if he’d run again

“I’d really appreciate it. She didn’t have to ask me twice.” The two have been friends for about 12 years.

He said if the riding association “will have him” it will be formalized on May 15.

“I’d love to be part of that team again,” he said of the Wynne-led government.

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# Reads of the month



## Book of the Month

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A recent sleeper hit, *Defending Jacob*, follows Andy Barber, long-time assistant DA for an affluent suburban Massachusetts community. Andy is about to take on the case of his life: a young boy has been found murdered, stabbed to death in the woods. Jacob, Andy's 14-year-old son, was a classmate of the boy and, blindsiding everyone, he has just been charged with the murder.

Andy's prosecutorial gut insists a child molester is the real killer, but as Jacob's trial proceeds and Andy's marriage crumbles under the forced revelation of old secrets, horror builds toward a shocking outcome.

If you are a fan of the riveting courtroom dramas of Scott Turow or the gritty, suspenseful thrillers of Gillian Flynn, *Defending Jacob* is a novel to add to your to-read list. It is available in a variety of formats at your library.

## Junior Book of the Month – Young Author title

*Bomb: The Race to Build—and Steal—the World's Most Dangerous Weapon* by Steve Sheinkin

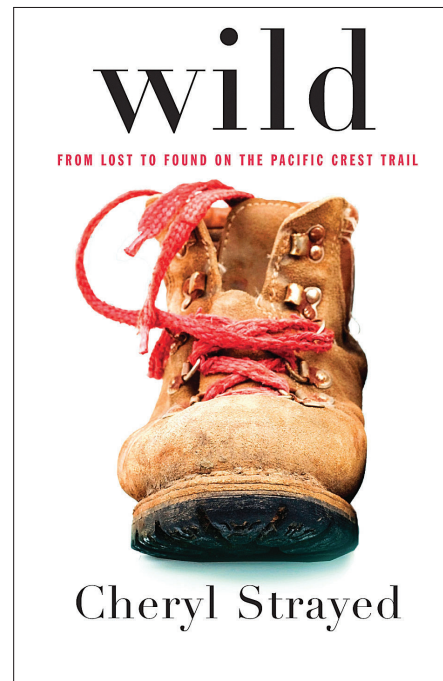
A true account of the creation of the atomic bomb that reads like fiction, *Bomb* by Steve Sheinkin is sure to appeal to any reader interested in history, war, espionage, or science.

Highlighting the great race towards the creation of the atomic bomb between the United States, Germany, and the Soviet Union, *Bomb* explores how one simple discovery changed the face of science and forever impacted the world.

Recipient of a Newberry Honor, YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction, a National Book Award Finalist, and CYBILS Top five Finalist, *Bomb* is available to reserve from Haliburton County Public Library today.

## Local Celebrity Read

Beth O'Connor, investment advisor with RBC Dominion Securities, recently read *Wild* by Cheryl Strayed. "Our book club, Coasters, just finished reading *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail*, and I loved it," says O'Connor. "It's a true story based upon a young woman's life falling apart upon her mother's



geous woman who recounts an incredibly visual story – you really see through her eyes and feel every painful step (her hiking boots are too small and backpack too heavy) that she takes, and feel the sadness and happiness that she expresses perfectly.

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## News and Events

May is looking friendly! The Friends of Haliburton County Public Library will be holding a giant book sale at the Minden Hills branch on Saturday, May 18 and regular Minden branch "Book Nook" book sales each Thursday until September.

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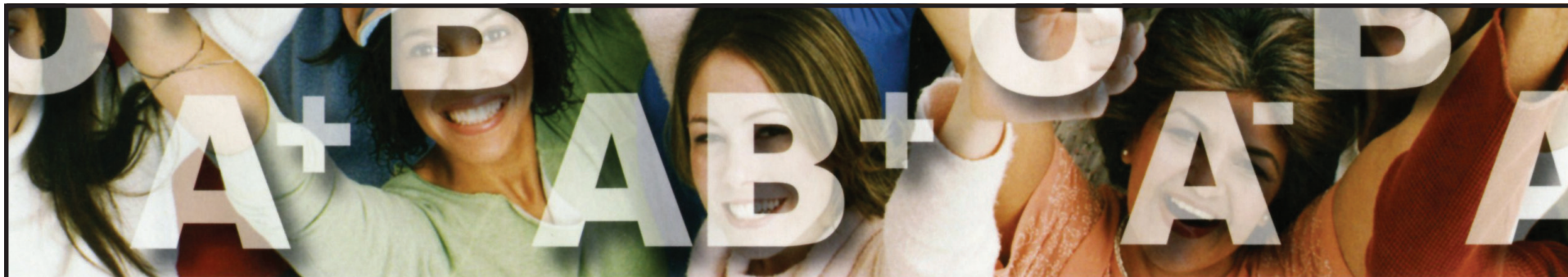
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Hometown hero

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Darren Lum Staff



Hawks shut out Spartans

The Red Hawks senior player Casey Pringle turns up the field against the Lindsay Collegiate and Vocational Institute (LCVI) Spartans in Lindsay on Thursday, May 2. Haliburton Highlands Secondary School won the Kawartha West League season opener 2-0. The junior teams competed afterwards with LCVI emerging with a 2-0 win in penalty shots. It was the season opener with IE Weldon, Fenelon Falls, St. Thomas Aquinas and Brock also in action. Key dates include the Kawartha finals on May 22, COSSA on May 29 and OFSAA from June 6 to 8. Jason bain/The Lindsay Post/QMI Agency

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# What's in a name? A lot, apparently



**Patti Fleury**  
Around the Town

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William Shakespeare in his writings made several references to the importance of one's name even more than material valuables and we all are familiar with the saying "a rose by any other name smells just as sweet." On Page 5 of Canadian Living's summer 2013 issue appears an item titled *Baby's Got Name*. Forget the soap opera monikers. Now when choosing that lifelong handle go beyond just checking whether the initials combine to form an unflattering image and consider where the letters are found on the computer keyboard. Apparently psychologists have identified that there is a better response to names with more letters on the right side of the keyboard than the left. For most because those right side letters are easier to type they are preferred in words and names. As examples Sophia, Noah, Hannah and Molly score over Ava, Carter, Wyatt and Sara. In these terms looking at our record we would receive a failing grade. As a saving grace back in those days we can plead that the computer was not yet a household item but that fails to explain away the our left sided next generation. Oh well there are always the "greats" but by then who knows what trends will be popular. On a positive note in spite of being slightly weighted to the left nine-year-old Benjamin Jacob Morrow Fleury made his rep hockey team for next season. Check out the list of the most popular Canadian names at [www.canadianliving.com/baby.names](http://www.canadianliving.com/baby.names).

This Saturday, May 11 the annual rabies clinic will take place at the Galway Fire Hall adjacent to the Galway Hall,

579 Galway Road from noon to 2 p.m. This important service jointly sponsored by the Galway and Area Ratepayers Association Inc. and the Galway Hall Board will have veterinarians in attendance from the Peterborough Veterinary Clinic. The cost for this critical protection is only \$20/animal.

The Giant Garage Sale by the Tai-Chi-a-Pets team is fast approaching set for Saturday, May 25 (rain date June 1) from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Funds raised will support this non-profit group's participation in the Relay for Life event on June 14 in Haliburton. There will be something for everyone with jewelry, books, music items, small appliances and home décor items plus much more on the tables on the sidewalk on Main Street, Kinmount in front of the former pharmacy.

News from the Legion Branch 441 Kinmount includes a note that with the winter dart leagues winding down planning is underway for a drop in style summer dart league on Wednesday nights. The monthly Big Bucks Bid Euchre will be on Wednesday, May 15 at 11 a.m. with lunch covered in the \$10 admission charge. Mark your calendars now for the monthly luncheon at the branch featuring liver and onions with an alternate hot entrée always available. The May date is Tuesday, May 28 with lunch served between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at a cost of \$7 which includes dessert and beverage.

Harmony Farms is reopening for the season and offering a special Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 12. Also for all you Charlie Farquharson fans please note that Charlie's alter ego gifted Canadian actor /writer Don Herron will be at Harmony Farms on Saturday, May 25th for a book signing starting at 1:30 p.m. Reservations are recommended for both these special occasions and can be made by calling 705-488-3300.

There are so many happenings in Kinmount over the Victoria Day weekend if you don't receive a copy of the Kin-

mount Gazette best to check out the website at [www.kinmount.ca](http://www.kinmount.ca) for full information. The farmers' market, the model railway, the Friends of the Library Book Sale and the indoor yard sale at the arena raising funds for the historic Irondale Church are all worth a visit along with the Artisans Marketplace which will kick off its summer draw. By the way if you live outside Kinmount and would like to subscribe to the Gazette now in its fifth year contact Yvette Brauer at 705-488-2282.

In closing some helpful advice received at Austin Lumber when inquiring about a humane trap for my kitchen squirrel. According to John when caught I am to paint the squirrel's toenails before release so I'll recognize him when he returns.

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There's still a water problem in Minden, but most of the stores are open so make it part of your shopping plan!

Last Saturday night we went out to the Carnarvon Bowl and Restaurant to see the Highlands Trio perform. The guys that make up this group are Dave Piercey, Mike Clewlow and Frank Kelly. Together they performed a wonderful mix of bluegrass, country, down east and rock and roll music that had many of us up dancing. It was a great night!

If you missed this performance, mark your calendars for June 15 for a repeat appearance at the Carnarvon Bowl and Restaurant. I know we'll be there! Tickets will be sold at the door.

Some events from our Zion United Church for you: first,

for Mother's Day, there will be a delicious breakfast prepared after Sunday service – eggs, sausages and the trimmings which I hear is served with a "generous serving of good fellowship". They will charge only \$5 per person – a real deal! Fred and Paul will be preparing the breakfast but they are asking for volunteers for assistance in serving and cleaning up. This request is directed to the men so please call Fred at 705-489-2755 to help out for Mother's Day.

On Saturday, May 18 starting at 9 a.m. Zion will be a hosting a giant yard sale with all proceeds going for that very worthwhile cause - Places For People.

The Zion folk will be on hand to serve peameal bacon on a bun and a beverage. This is also an opportunity to make a donation to the Minden flood relief fund. If you have any garage sale items you would like to donate please get in touch with Rev. Max through the church office - it will be appreciated. Also, if you would like to volunteer your time for refreshments etc. please call Barb Walford-Davis at 705-489-1715.

You can make a difference in people's lives by giving a small donation, a bit of your time or some item that you really don't need any more. It just feels good!

Last Sunday at the back of Pine Reflections Gift and Garden Centre in a nice shady area, Rebecca held her first in the series of many workshops. This one was planting shi-

take plugs into a log that will produce many mushrooms for up to five years. This was a new and informative experience to those that attended since they also had to drill the holes in the logs before they could insert the plugs. Since I was supposed to be working, I didn't get to work the log personally, but I do have one on order. There will be many other workshops so be sure to visit and pick up the complete list for this year and while you're there enter for a chance to win a hanging basket from May to September. The draw will be held on Mother's Day. The next scheduled workshop is Aromatherapy in the Garden on May 26. This is another offering from the Healing Garden Workshop Series planned.

As our minds turn to our gardens, remember that a little dirt never hurt anyone; actually it can be very therapeutic! There are many reasons for gardening; my favourite is to lift the spirits that ease the tensions of daily life. Gardening teaches patience – there is no rushing a work of art! Gardening also teaches acceptance to the fact that everything shouldn't be a series of straight lines or matched colours. It's actually comparable to our daily life; it's constantly a work in progress, which teaches us to accept things as they happen and not to worry about how they will turn out.

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# Gardening teaches meditation

from page 20

Gardening teaches concentration, simple tasks to draw you in, a meditation of sorts causing us to disappear into

the multitude of colours and textures that Mother Nature provides us. Now, if it wasn't for the black flies, the day spent in the garden would be perfect! Then, again that teaches us that life isn't perfect either.  
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### SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER The Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands

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The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands.

**Description of Lands:**

Roll No. 46 21 010 000 18500 0000; PIN 39296-0208(LT); Part Lot 2 Concession 6 Sherborne designated Part 10 Plan RD64; Algonquin Highlands; File No. 11-01

**Minimum Tender Amount: \$24,574.14**

Roll No. 46 21 002 000 53500 0000; PIN 39131-0155(LT); Part Lot 24 Concession 5 Stanhope designated Part 11 Plan RD154 T/W H87241; Algonquin Highlands; File No. 11-03

**Minimum Tender Amount: \$12,640.15**

Roll No. 46 21 002 000 53600 0000; PIN 39131-0156(LT); Part Lot 24 Concession 5 Stanhope designated Part 12 Plan RD154 T/W H87239; Algonquin Highlands; File No. 11-04

**Minimum Tender Amount: \$12,422.43**

Roll No. 46 21 002 000 54600 0000; PIN 39131-0167(LT); Part Lot 24 Concession 5 Stanhope designated Part 22 Plan RD154; T/W H87239; Algonquin Highlands; File No. 11-05

**Minimum Tender Amount: \$12,431.39**

Roll No. 46 21 002 000 55200 0000; PIN 39131-0172(LT); Part Lot 24 Concession 5 Stanhope; designated Part 28 Plan RD154; T/W H87239; Algonquin Highlands; File No. 11-06

**Minimum Tender Amount: \$12,346.22**

Roll No. 46 21 002 000 37200 0000; PIN 39129-0224(LT); Part Lot 28 Concession 4 Stanhope as in H73297 (Secondly), except Part 1 Plan 19R3327, S/T interest in H73297; Algonquin Highlands; File No. 11-07

**Minimum Tender Amount: \$3,868.52**

Roll No. 46 21 010 000 34890 0000; PIN 39117-0162(LT); Part Lot 14 Concession 10 Sherborne designated Part 1 Plan 19R2381; S/T beneficiaries interest in H175887 if enforceable; Algonquin Highlands; File No. 11-09

**Minimum Tender Amount: \$5,343.09**

Roll No. 46 21 010 000 69200 0000; 1567 Russell Landing Rd, Russell Landing; PIN 39115-0177(LT); Part Lot 15 Concession 12 Sherborne as in H18001; Algonquin Highlands; File No. 11-10

**Minimum Tender Amount: \$9,004.36**

Roll No. 46 21 020 000 63300 0000; PIN 39100-0142(LT); Part Lot 2 Concession 10 McClintock as in H41210; Algonquin Highlands; File No. 11-12

**Minimum Tender Amount: \$5,194.20**

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a money order or of a bank draft or cheque certified by a bank or trust corporation payable to the municipality and representing at least 20 per cent of the tender amount.

**Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers.**

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes, applicable HST and the relevant land transfer tax.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender, contact:

**Kathy Daniels**  
Treasury Assistant  
The Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands,  
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#### Township of Algonquin Highlands Committee of Adjustment Notice of Applications for Minor Variance

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Section 45(5) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3 O. Reg. 200/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Minor Variances have been submitted to the Township of Algonquin Highlands Committee of Adjustment, the minor variance granting authority in these matters.

**AND FURTHER** a public meeting has been scheduled on **Friday, May 24, 2013 @ 1:00 p.m.** at the Township of Algonquin Highlands Township Office , **1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands, Ontario** for the Committee of Adjustment to hear the applications:

**File No. AH-MV-023/12      Applicant: Karen Brookbank (REVISED)**  
**Location of Property:**      19951 Kawagama – North WAO  
Pt Lot 2, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Livingstone

**Nature of Application:**      1. To reduce the high water setback from the required 30m (100 ft) to 23m (75 ft) to permit the construction of a new 111.5m<sup>2</sup> (1200 ft<sup>2</sup>) dwelling. The property currently contains a 15m<sup>2</sup> (165 ft<sup>2</sup>) sleeping cabin and a 35m<sup>2</sup> (374 ft<sup>2</sup>) dwelling. The existing 35m<sup>2</sup> (374 ft<sup>2</sup>) dwelling will be demolished. The proposed cottage will be located further away from the high water mark than the existing dwelling.  
2. To reduce the easterly side yard setback from the required 3m (10 ft) to .61m (2 ft).  
3. To permit the existing 15m<sup>2</sup> (165 ft<sup>2</sup>) sleeping cabin to be located in front of the proposed principle dwelling.

**File No. A-AH-MV-002/13      Applicant: Joan Flood & Tom Healy**  
**Location of Property:**      1026 Abbey Lane  
Pt. Lot 9, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Stanhope

**Nature of Application:**      To reduce the high water mark setback from the required 23m (75 ft) to 15m (50 ft) to permit the construction of a 38.7m<sup>2</sup> (416 ft<sup>2</sup>) screened in porch to be added to an existing dwelling.

**File No. A-AH-MV-003/13      Applicant: Tim Scott, Victoria Gregory & Martin Kohn**  
**Location of Property:**      13960 Blueberry Island - WAO  
Pt Lot 3 & 4, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Sherborne

**Nature of Application:**      1. To permit the increase in size for the construction of a shoreline structure from the permitted 10m<sup>2</sup> (100 ft<sup>2</sup>) to 11m<sup>2</sup> (120 ft<sup>2</sup>) to include a sauna/washroom for a composting toilet. The existing 4.5m<sup>2</sup> (48 ft<sup>2</sup>) shed/washroom shall be demolished.  
2. To permit the proposed sauna/washroom to be located 14.6m (48 ft) from the high water mark.

**File No. A-AH-MV-004/13      Applicant: Ron Hagan**  
**Location of Property:**      1027 Mindenview Lane – Kawagama Lake  
Part Lot 18, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Sherborne

**Nature of Application:**      1. To reduce the high water mark setback from the required 30m (100 ft) to 26m (86 ft) to permit the enclosure of a 17m<sup>2</sup> (182 ft<sup>2</sup>) open porch.

**IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY** does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Algonquin Highlands in respect of the proposed Minor Variances to Comprehensive Zoning By-Law 03-22 before the decision is made by the Committee of Adjustment; the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Township of Algonquin Highlands to the Ontario Municipal Board. If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of Algonquin Highlands before the decision is made by the Committee of Adjustment, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

**REQUESTING NOTICE OF DECISION:** A copy of the decision will only be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary-Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Additional information regarding these Applications for Minor Variances are available for public inspection at the Planning Department, Township of Algonquin Highlands, *by appointment* during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Dawn Newhook**  
Municipal Clerk – Planning Administrator  
Tel: (705) 489-2379 Ext: 224  
E-mail: [dnewhook@algonquinhighlands.ca](mailto:dnewhook@algonquinhighlands.ca)  
Dated this 8th day of May, 2013



# Minden Legion ready to help with flood crisis



## Legion br. 636

Submitted by Jan Briggs-McGowan, on behalf of Public relations Officer Wendy Bolt.

Following Minden Legion elections held May 1, Zone Commander Jackie Walter installed President Keith Welborn, first Vice President Lee Train, second VP Murray King, Secretary Wendy Bolt and Treasurer Judy Fliieger. The members installed to the incoming Executive Committee include: Georgina Parkes, Al Mayo, Sonny Lauchlan and Shirley Holmes, who is also the Branch's Silver Cross Mother. There were 45 members in attendance, plus guest

scrutineers from Haliburton Branch: Carla Watson, Jack Greavette and Bill Timms.

With the flood situation in town, the new executive is already rolling up their sleeves to continue the Legion's tradition of assistance to the community. Said President Keith, "I'm very grateful to our members who jumped at the chance to feed the EMS workers in the middle of the night, or make a lunch for schoolchildren who might need it. Although our assistance wasn't required, many of those members also volunteered to cook or serve our \$5 Soup and sandwich special. This will be provided seven days a week for the duration of the crisis." Veterans or their dependents who need any type of help, whether or not it's connected with the flood, can contact the Branch at 705-286-4541 or Al Mayo at home at 705-286-2011.

The branch has donated use of its premises for meetings of a new community flood relief committee, which is being formed, and that arrangement will continue as long as it is required. The community church also used our facilities when they were unable to access the arena. The branch will continue to provide its monthly financial assistance to the Food Bank - which at this time is particularly asking the public for donations of cereals.

In other business, the new branch executive will be working with Zone Commander Walter to clarify the proposed changes to the rules and regulations before presenting them to the membership for approval. The Ladies Auxiliary will also be holding their elections on Wednesday, May 8 at 7 p.m. All L.A. members are urged to attend.

There are 250 members of Minden Branch 636 of the Royal Canadian Legion. A military connection is no longer required in order to apply for membership. If you would like to join the largest service organization in Canada, applications are available at the branch during regular business hours.

## Coming Events

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND/OR CLAIMANTS

All persons having claims against the Estate of KENNETH WILLIAM DROUILLARD, late of the City of Kawartha Lakes, in the Province of Ontario, deceased, who died on or about the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013, are required to file the same with the undersigned solicitors on or before the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2013, after which date the assets may be distributed among those persons entitled thereto, having regard only to those claims which have been filed.

DATED at Orillia, Ontario, this 17th day of April, 2013.

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Sunday June 2, 2013

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## community calendar

**Post your event for free on the web. Go to: [www.mindentimes.ca](http://www.mindentimes.ca) or Community Calendar link at: [www.haliburtonecho.ca](http://www.haliburtonecho.ca)  
Or email: [jennifer.mceathron@sunmedia.ca](mailto:jennifer.mceathron@sunmedia.ca)**

**Are you troubled by someone's drinking?** Minden Al-Anon Family Group meets in Hyland Crest meeting room, 6 McPherson St Mondays at 8 p.m.

**Horse Before the Cart** Writers' Group, meets 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, from 2:30 - 4:30 at the Minden Library/Gallery (705)-489-3661

**Help to preserve** our History with a Veteran's museum Wanted: British, Canadian or German WWI and WWII items. Uniforms, helmets and caps and medals, photographs, shells and weapons. Please do not donate money. Items broken or in part are welcome. Contact Martin Hofland at 705-457-2382

**May 8 & 9:** Susan Purney Mark, a designer, teacher, and author from B.C. will be presenting a powerpoint presentation and trunk show 'On the Surface - Design, Colour, and Deliriously Fun Stuff' at the Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild 1 pm at Stanhope Community Centre. \$2 admission for non-members. On May 9th she will be holding a workshop - "Shattered Angles". Call Pat Stiver at 705 489-3751 for further information.

**May 12:** Country Music Jamboree located at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena from 1 pm-5 pm. Hosted by the "HOT FLASHES AND THE COLD SHOULDERS" Admission \$7.00. 5 pm- Chicken Pot Pie/Veggies/ Dessert - \$6.00. Food provided by MINDEN LIONESS. Proceeds toward a "Service Dog" for someone in Haliburton County

**May 15:** Stuart Baker Elementary School Welcome to Kindergarten night for all new kindergarten students, starting school in September 2013. From 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Please call to register 705-457-1342

**May 17 & 18:** Charity Yard Sale hosted by Heavens Saints Motorcycle Ministry located at 1755 loop rd Wilberforce Friday noon to dusk and sat 18, 9am -3pm

**May 18:** Gooderham United Church Yard Sale: from 8a.m. - 3p.m. Donated items accepted, however we no longer accept large appliance, cribs or mattresses. Light refreshments available. For more info pleas call June at 705-477-2838

**May 18:** Pie Sale - Ingoldsby United Church - 1741 Ingoldsby Road, Minden - beginning at 9:00 a.m.

**May 18- June 13:** The Hand of the Maker art exhibition: "Tool Work" located at The Art Hive Opening including refreshments from 11 am-1 pm. The show runs from Saturday, May the 18th until Thursday June the 13th. [www.theearthive.com](http://www.theearthive.com)

**June 1:** FELT STOMP Live music, baby lambs and a stompin' good time! Located at The Art at 11:00 am. Make a felt fish and join in the group stomp. [www.theearthive.com](http://www.theearthive.com)



# SIRCH launches 'Need a Hand' program early to help flood victims

Over the past several months SIRCH Community Services has been busy preparing a new and innovative program entitled Need a Hand. The program was slated to begin in late June, but due to the emerging needs facing flood victims in the Haliburton Highlands, SIRCH has decided to begin now.

This new program is designed to provide:

1. A one-stop shop for anyone looking for basic home help services (one number to call);
2. Co-ordination of the tasks needed;
3. A quality, efficient, friendly service with reasonable fees, as well as subsidies for those who have difficulty paying.

"We want to support people affected by the flood," stated Gena Robertson, executive director of SIRCH, "as well as others who have no family support nearby and may need a variety of small supports to make their lives easier.

"Finding someone to clean up, paint a wall, fix a broken step, install grab bars, or stay with their elderly parent or child to attend medical appointments, can create a lot of stress. We will match people who need things with volunteers who will do them."

SIRCH is hoping to recruit many volunteers who are interested in donating two hours a month (or more) to help a neighbour.

And they are sure the community will respond.

Because this is not a government-funded program, there is an hourly fee for Need a Hand, however SIRCH

is hoping to be able to subsidize flood victims and others who can't pay. Robertson is optimistic that people near and far will donate on behalf of family members, friends or just as good citizens. "We are hopeful that we can help a lot of people who may not be able to afford the fees," Robertson said. "We don't want people to donate to us in lieu of donating to the Minden disaster relief effort. But if you have an extra \$5 or \$10 and can pass it on to SIRCH, it will help us help residents right across the county."

Individuals interested in becoming a part of this volunteer opportunity can participate simply by contacting the SIRCH offices at 705-457-1742, or emailing [info@sirch.on.ca](mailto:info@sirch.on.ca). A streamlined volunteer application process will make it quicker to become a SIRCH volunteer while still ensuring thorough screening.

Need a Hand will not be competing with established businesses as most of the services offered are typically too small for a construction/trades business or do not fall under the funded mandates of community service agencies.

Need a Hand will refer people to local businesses, and will also direct people to other needed services and supports.

To volunteer call 705-457-1742 or email us at [info@sirch.on.ca](mailto:info@sirch.on.ca).

To make a financial donation - go online to [www.sirch.on.ca](http://www.sirch.on.ca) and click on Donate and Canada Helps.

Need help? Call 705-457-1742 and leave a name and number where you can be reached.

(Unfortunately SIRCH is not in a position to take donated items.)

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**Haliburton Creative Business Incubator**

**The Haliburton Creative Business Incubator Committee  
is accepting applications for the position of manager.**

This position will be effective July 1st, 2013.

**Applications must be received by 5pm, May 17th, 2013**

The Business Incubator Manager oversees the operation of the Business Incubator project and liaises with the community, the funders and the tenants.

The Manager would be expected to spend a minimum of 15 hours a week, 49/50 weeks a year in this position.

A complete description of this position can be found at [www.haliburtoncdc.ca/incubator](http://www.haliburtoncdc.ca/incubator) or may be picked up at HCDC offices.

Applications can be provided via mail (P.O. Box 210, 235 Highland Street, 2nd Floor, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0) or email to:  
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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

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All Person having claims as creditors against the estate of the  
 above mentioned, late of the Bobcaygeon, City of Kawartha Lakes,  
 in the Province of Ontario, who died at the said Bobcaygeon, City of  
 Kawartha Lakes, on September 19, 2012, are required to file proof  
 of same with the undersigned on or before July 2, 2013.

After that date the Public Guardian and Trustee will proceed to  
 distribute the estate, having regard only to the claims of which she  
 then shall have had notice.

Anyone having knowledge of a Will or next-of-kin of the above  
 mentioned is also requested to contact the undersigned.

DATED at Toronto on April 25, 2013.

PUBLIC GUARDIAN AND TRUSTEE,  
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**O'REILLY, Bernice Ann** - Passed away peacefully at the Freeport Health Centre in Kitchener on Monday, April 29, 2013 at the age of 77 years. Beloved wife of Gerald and cherished mother of Maureen Jones and husband Mike and Kimberley Hengeveld and husband Richard. Lovingly remembered by grandchildren; Jane, Meghan, Kevin and Melissa. Survived by brothers Laverne Marchand and his wife Heather and Monroe Marchand and his wife Kathy. Please note, the original plans for the memorial service have been changed. According to Bernice's wishes, a graveside interment service will be held on Saturday, May 25, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at the Briar Hill Cemetery, Sutton, Ontario. Condolences for the family and donations to the Lung Association may be arranged through **ERB & GOOD FAMILY FUNERAL HOME** at [www.erbgood.com](http://www.erbgood.com) or 519-745-8445.

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# County card scores

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*The following card scores were delayed from last week to make room for flood coverage.*

April 23 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Clare Obdam 312, Theresa Deak 295, Belle Walker 254 and Sharon Jarvis 225. First for the gents at 285 was Jesse Barlow followed by John Deak 271, Kevin Maloney 264 and Lorna Scheffee 225. Sharron Atkinson won the major draw with Marcel Roussel, Vi Howell and our reporter Betty Wagar claiming the smaller prizes.

April 23 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: Top marks went to Peggy Beattie and Steve Walker at 294 with Bev Alexander and George Hamilton next at 290. In third place at 279 were Kaye Bull and Joyce Broersma while our reporter Pearl Cowen partnered with Jason Peacock had the afternoon's low of 144.

April 23 Gelert euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Most lone hands holder was Nancy McPherson with Gala Newell and Jim MacPherson posting the high scores. Donna Huffman and Bruce Shephard took the evening's lows while Ken Huffman won the draw. Rae Dawn Shephard reminds that the Gelert group will play again next Tuesday at Lochlin and then the Lochlin group will play the next two weeks before returning to the regular alternating schedule.

April 23 contract bridge at Club 35: High scoring quartet members were Elaine Burbidge 6,430, Kathie Porter 5,790, Peter Gardiner 5,330 and Ev Morgan 4,670. Carol Bowker won the lucky draw and Nel Van der Grient the Shiny Penny while Peter Gardiner and Elaine Burbidge teamed up for a Small Slam.

April 24 bid euchre at Stanhope: From Linda Lambert the news that Kelly Clarke led the pinks at 255 then Lottie Ruttan 251 and Marg Oetelaar 227. First for the whites at 272 was Peter Farr followed by Pat Scadden 267 and Al McMullen 214 with Debbie Lambe claiming a single moonshot and both Al McMullen and Lottie Ruttan taking two.

April 24 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell top marks went to Muriel McIntosh and Diana Spicer 65 percent, Bruce Armstrong and Jackie Metcalf 55 percent, Tom a

nd Dorothy Howat 54 percent and Nancy Jackson partnered with Heather Lindsay 51 percent.

April 25 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand holders were Linda Hopkins and Jason Peacock with Pearl Cowen and Andy Broersma posting the high scores. The evening's lows went to Shirley Milne and Ann Mann while Betty Wagar [2] and John Priestly along with Arla and our interim reporter Bob Polard took home the other prizes.

April 26 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: Shirley Howe reports that Albert Foster won for both high hands and the special prize, Mike Myles for lone hands and Nick Boekestyn for the low hands.

April 26 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: North/South honours went to Fran and Norm Smith 69 percent and Muriel McIntosh partnered with Stella McMillan 50 percent. For East/West Tom and Dorothy Howat led at 55 percent then Rob Eaton and Peter O'Connor 52 percent. Thanks to our bridge reporter Margo Davidson for her updates on the three Haliburton events.

April 26 bid euchre at Club 35: Top marks for the pinks went to Dorene Elstone 296, Marion Farr 270 and Linda Voycey 250 with Peter Farr 257 first for the whites then Al McMullen 256 and Garth Windsor 243. Carol McMullen held the hidden score while Dorene and Merv Elstone took the moonshots. This report comes in from Jean Dutka.

April 27 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Leading ladies were June Branning 306, Eileen Shepstone 227 and Jean Scadden 219 with Pat Scadden first for the gents at 273 then Pat Bailey 219 and Dorothy McElwain 210. June Branning and Theresa Deak [2] took the moonshots while Maria Tschida won the special prize. Thanks to Sherin Brown for this news.

April 28 euchre at 6 Parkside, Minden: Arthur Forbes reports that Sherin Brown won for high hands, Pearl Cowen for lone hands and Nick Boekestyn for both low hands and the special prize.

April 29 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: In top spot at 296 was Dorothy McElwain with Sheldon Rae next at 256. Rose Isaacson also reports that Janice Davidson won the draw while Marcel Roussel took the single moonshot of the afternoon.

April 29 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: This event was not held due to the flooding situation in Minden which has affected access to the Church.

April 29 euchre9 at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: From Doreen French comes the news that Sherin Brown won for high hands, Arthur Forbes for lone hands, Pearl Cowen for low hands and Bev Johnson for the special prize.

April 29 euchre at Club 35: Most lone hand holder was Joan Mann with Carol McMullen and Merv Elstone posting the high scores. The evening's lows went to Loretta Lamb and Peter Farr with Merv also winning the baloney. Thanks to Dorene Elstone for this report.

April 30 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Betty Wagar reports that at 256 Ida Young led the ladies followed by Sharon Jarvis 254, Jean Scadden 249 and Bev Johnson 248. First for the gents at 310 was Marcel Roussel then Pat Scadden 291, Bill McKnight 260 and Kevin Maloney 257. Kay Naylor won both the major draw and a smaller prize along with Vi Howell and Bev Johnson while six moonshots struck Ida Young, Marcel Roussel, Lorna Scheffee, Jesse Barlow, Bev Johnson and Archie Ross.

April 30 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: Top marks went to Joan Bell and Bev Alexander at 366 with Ray Lymer going solo next at 290. In third place at 281 were Connie Sawyer and George Hamilton while Jean Randell and Merv Elstone posted the after-

noon's low of 150. Thanks to Pearl Cowen for her update.

April 30 Gelert euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Lone hand honours went to Shirley Davis who also won the draw. For the ladies Helen Burk was high and Reta Crofts low with Bob Winder high man and Bruce Shephard low. Bruce and Rae Dawn Shephard thank everyone for coming out and supporting the Gelert Hall. Please note that the Lochlin group will continue to play until May 14th then take a summer recess.

April 30 contract bridge at Club 35: Leading the high scoring quartet was our interim reporter Muriel McIntosh 4,790 then Ross Fletcher 4,680 with Doug McIntosh and Sandy McKay tied for third spot at 4,170. Sharon Gardiner won the lucky draw and Donna Stickwood the Shiny Penny.

April 30 contract bridge at Minden United Church: The top trio members were Loretta Lamb 4,150, Gerald Bergin 3,720 and Dave Greig 3,590. Nancy Ballantyne reminds that new players are always welcome to this event with a 9 a.m. start.

May 1 bid euchre at Stanhope: Pink honours went to Gerda Gemballa 282, our reporter Linda Lambert 249 and Pat Marshall 240. At 290 Colin Miller led the whites followed by Sue P. 248 and Garth Windsor 228 while Willie Cox, Gerda Gemballa and Jon Donnewald took the moonshots.

May 1 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell the leaders were Peter O'Connor and Gord Cochrane 63 percent, Diana Spicer and Muriel McIntosh 57 percent, Margo Davidson partnered with Vange Croucher 56 percent and John and Mary Anderson 50 percent.

May 2 euchre at Minden Legion: Bob Polard reports that Andy Broersma and Joan held the most lone hands with Linda Hopkins and Tom Grix posting the high scores. Pearl Cowen and Jesse Barlow claimed the lows while the evening's other prizes went to Andy Broersma, Linda Hopkins, Jesse Barlow, John Priestly and Jason Peacock.

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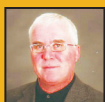
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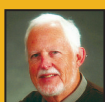
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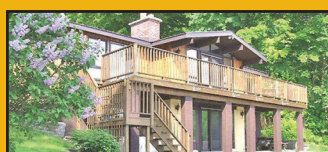
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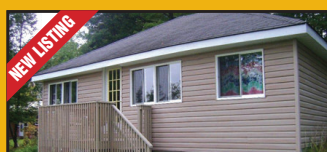
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- Insulated walls and floor plus screened porch
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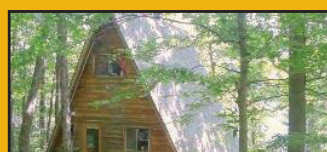
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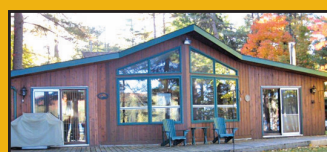
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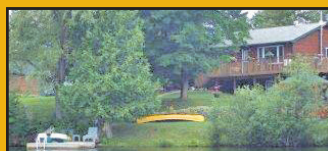
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- 105 Ft water frontage, 1.4 Acres, Level Lot
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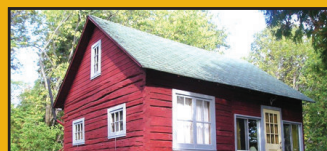
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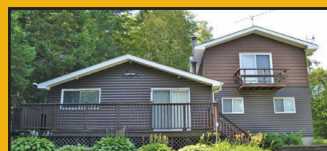
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- Gently sloping lot, miles of boating
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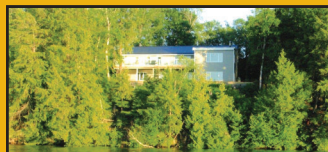
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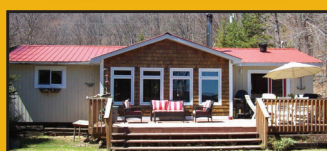
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